

655—4.14 (17A,152E) Definitions. Except where otherwise specifically defined by law:

“Adverse action” means a home or remote state action.

“Certified copy,” as used in the statutes and rules administered by the board, means a complete and accurate copy of a document, as verified by the board or the agency providing that document. “Certified copy” includes an electronic version of a document provided to another agency or individual by the board, or received from another agency, so long as the electronic record is:

1. Obtained directly from the official Web site of the board or other agency;
2. Regularly updated by the board or the other agency in accordance with standard practice;
3. Accessible as a “read only” document;
4. Properly safeguarded to prevent the document from being altered; and
5. Certified from another agency in accordance with the laws applicable in that jurisdiction.

“Contested case” means a proceeding defined by Iowa Code section 17A.2(5) and includes any matter defined as a no factual dispute contested case under 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, section 14.

“Home state” means the party state, which is the nurse’s primary state of residence.

“Home state action” means any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by the home state’s laws which are imposed on a nurse by the home state’s licensening board or other authority, including actions against an individual’s license such as revocation, suspension, probation, or any other action which affects a nurse’s authorization to practice.

“Issuance” means the date of mailing of a decision or order or date of delivery if service is by other means, unless another date is specified in the order.

“Party” means each person or agency named or admitted as a party or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party.

“Presiding officer” means the chairperson of the board or designee.

“Proposed decision” means the presiding officer’s recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a contested case in which the board of nursing did not preside.

“Remote state” means a party state, other than the home state, where either of the following applies:

1. Where the patient is located at the time nursing care is provided.
2. In the case of the practice of nursing not involving a patient, in such party state where the recipient of nursing care is located.

“Remote state action” means either of the following:

1. Any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by a remote state’s laws which is imposed on a nurse by the remote state’s licensing board or other authority, including actions against an individual’s multistate licensure privilege to practice in the remote state.
2. Cease and desist and other injunctive or equitable orders issued by remote states or the licensing boards of remote states.